

Claim Amendments

- 1) (Currently Amended) A food packaging closure apparatus comprising:
a tubular body having a length with opposite first and second ends, the second end of the tubular body ~~being adapted for attachment to~~ having means for attaching the body second end to packaging of a food product; and,
a lid that is removably attachable to the first end of the tubular body.
- 2) (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
the second end of the tubular body ~~being removably attachable~~ having means for removably attaching the body second end to packaging around a food product.
- 3) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising:
the tubular body having a first opening at the first end of the tubular body, and the tubular body having a second opening at the second end of the tubular body.
- 4) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 3, further comprising:
the first opening being larger than the second opening.
- 5) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising:
a hollow interior bore extending through the tubular body from the first end to the second end of the tubular body.

- 6) (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:~~
A food packaging closure apparatus comprising:
a tubular body having a length with opposite first and second ends, the
second end of the tubular body being adapted for attachment to a food product;
a lid that is removably attachable to the first end of the tubular body; and,
the second end of the tubular body being resilient and engagable around
the food product to attach the tubular body to the food product.
- 7) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
the tubular body having an exterior surface and the tubular body having a
rim extending around the first end of the tubular body and projecting outwardly from the
tubular body exterior surface.
- 8) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7, further comprising:
the lid having a lip that engages over the rim of the tubular body to
removably attach the lid to the first end of the tubular body.
- 9) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7, further comprising:
the lid being completely removable from the tubular body.
- 10) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
the tubular body having a circular cross section.

- 11) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
the tubular body having a rectangular cross section.
- 12) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
the tubular body having a tapering configuration as the tubular body extends from the first end to the second end.
- 13) (Original) The apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:
the tubular body having a tubular wall that extends the length of the tubular body, the tubular wall has a first wall thickness at the tubular body first end and a second wall thickness at the tubular body second end, and the first wall thickness is larger than the second wall thickness.
- 14) (Original) A method of preserving a food product in food packaging that has a food packaging opening, the method comprising:
providing a tubular body that has a length with opposite first and second ends;
positioning the second end of the tubular body on the food product so that the tubular body extends around the food packaging opening;
providing a lid that is removably attachable to the first end of the tubular body; and
removably attaching the lid to the first end of the tubular body.

- 15) (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
providing the tubular body of a resiliently stretchable material; and
resiliently stretching the second end of the tubular body around the food
product.
- 16) (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
positioning the second end of the tubular body on the food product
extending around the packaging of the food product.
- 17) (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
providing the lid where the lid is completely removable from the tubular
body.
- 18) (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
providing the tubular body with a first opening at the tubular body first end,
a second opening at the tubular body second end, a hollow interior bore extending
through the tubular body from the first end to the second end, and the first opening
being larger than the second opening.
- 19) (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
providing the tubular body with a circular cross section configuration.

- 20) (Original) The method of Claim 14, further comprising:
providing the tubular body with a rectangular cross section configuration.